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SUBJECT: BSEC OBSERVER STATUS SET TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2007

¶1. On July 20, the BSEC Permanent International Staff (PERMIS) notified us by diplomatic note that the observer status of the United States of America with BSEC is due to expire at the end of October 2007. An application for the renewal of observer status should be conveyed via diplomatic note to the BSEC PERMIS no later than October 15 in order to be put on the agenda for the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials meeting to be held in Ankara on October 23-24.

¶2. We recommend that we apply to renew U.S. observer status with BSEC. Draft response language follows:

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Complementary opening.

The Embassy of the United State of American has the honor to request that the observer status of the United States of America, which is due to expire at the end of October 2007, be renewed for an additional two years. The United States of America places great value upon its current observer status and wishes to continue to work cooperatively with BSEC in the coming years.

Complementary close.

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